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Cohen takes intelligence panel post

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WASHINGTON — Sen. William S. Cohen, responding to the requests of Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn., and Chairman Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., has accepted a position on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.



Cohen relinquished the chairmanship of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs to accept the post.

The Intelligence Committee oversees "intelligence functions, most obviously the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency), but

Cohen also 11 other government agencies," Robert Tyrer, Cohen's press secretary, said Tuesday.

Cohen's new assignment is related to his position on the Armed Services Committee because both committees deal with the intelligence community, said Tyrer.

The change was a "coincidence that worked out rather well," said Tyrer. Cohen had decided to change committees, he said, because the Maine Indian land claims against the federal government had been resolved.

Maine's other senator, George J. Mitchell, has retained his positions on the Senate Finance and Environment and Public Works Committees.

In the House, freshman Rep. John R. McKernan is awaiting his committee assignments from GOP leaders while Rep. Olympia J. Snowe will remain on the Small Business and International Relations Committees.

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